

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

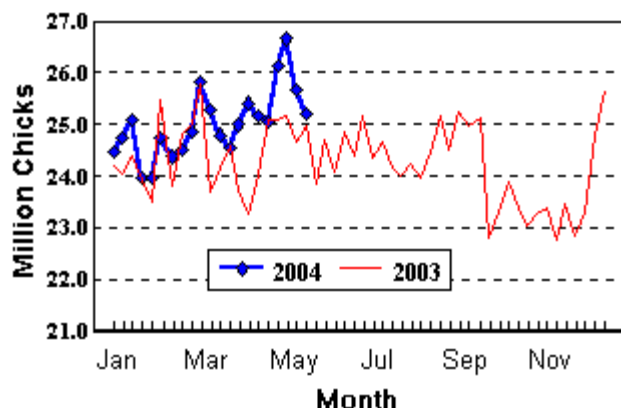
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 25.2 million during the week ending May 22, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from both the comparable week in 2003, but down 2 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 22, 2004 were 526.0 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 26.3 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

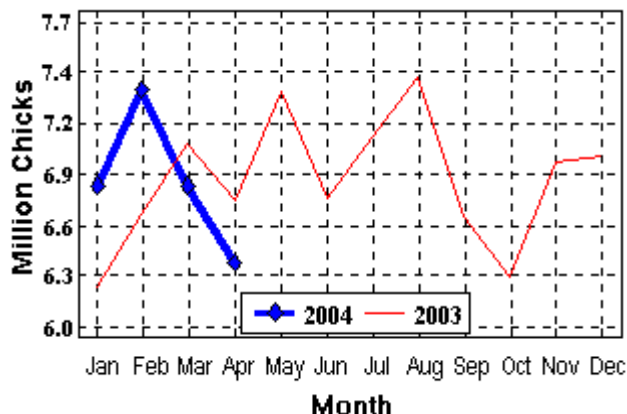
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 32.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 22, 2004, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.4 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2004, down 5 percent from April 2003.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2003- 2004



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



### NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Apr. 17	24,054	25,204	105
Apr. 24	25,096	25,051	100
May 1	25,120	26,143	104
May 8	25,204	26,707	106
May 15	24,690	25,672	104
May 22	24,987	25,235	101

### U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2002-2003	2003-2004	
	1,000		
Nov.	6,938	6,946	100
Dec.	6,475	6,978	108
Jan.	6,269	6,811	109
Feb.	6,659	7,340	110
Mar.	7,038	6,815	97
Apr.	6,735	6,402	95

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	01-May	08-May	15-May	22-May		17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	08-May	15-May	22-May	
Alabama	30,840 *	30,556	30,590	30,879	106	21,798	21,935	22,043	22,735	21,805	22,568	105
ARKANSAS	31,803	31,961	31,494	32,157	104	25,204	25,051	26,143	26,707	25,672 *	25,235	101
Delaware	3,741	3,740	3,857	3,871	99	4,959	5,051	4,537	4,686	4,511 *	5,286	109
Florida	1,389 *	1,348	1,364	1,389	105	1,502	1,416	1,461	1,495	1,640	1,526	81
Georgia	32,862	32,369	32,994 *	33,121	102	26,283	26,245	27,041	26,700	26,986 *	26,553	105
Kentucky	7,138 *	7,033 *	7,121 *	7,129	108	5,894	6,002	5,964 *	6,141 *	6,074 *	6,205	104
Louisiana	3,998	4,014	3,998	3,892	98	3,414	3,796	3,725	4,070	3,744	3,813	100
Maryland	8,887	8,901	8,900	8,990	92	5,897	5,879	6,238	5,689	6,439 *	4,937	77
Mississippi	19,367	19,301	19,393	19,363	99	16,741	17,317	16,924	16,915	16,807	16,785	102
N. Carolina	18,473 *	19,006	18,905	18,488	97	15,076	14,916	15,498	15,200	15,013	15,161	100
Oklahoma	6,605	6,588	6,684 *	6,500	99	5,261	5,650	4,652	3,929	5,001	5,680	118
Pennsylvania	3,688	3,921	3,948 *	3,648	94	2,626	2,722	2,775	2,902	2,874 *	2,702	101
S. Carolina	3,759	3,760	3,774	3,781	76	4,375	4,006	3,723	4,352	3,863	3,954	103
Texas	15,324	15,475	15,463	15,274	101	12,672	12,850	12,826	12,858	12,769	12,876	102
Virginia	6,642	6,653	6,644	6,675	101	5,236	5,197	5,210	5,236	5,609	5,731	104
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,993	18,066	17,911	17,932	103	16,316	15,459	16,416	14,981	15,647 *	15,814	96
Total 2004	212,509 *	212,692 *	213,040 *	213,089		173,254	173,492	175,176 *	174,596 *	174,454 *	174,826	
Total 2003	209,166	206,679	210,125	211,168		168,183	172,080	172,351	171,830	170,953	172,110	
%Prev. Year	102	103	101	101		103	101	102	102	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending May 22, 2004. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 22, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 22, 2004 were 3.58 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.